

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- (1) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-74242) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 401(k) Plan, Acuity Lighting Group, Inc. 401(k) Plan for Hourly Employees, Holophane Division of Acuity Lighting Group 401(k) Plan for Hourly Employees, Holophane Division of Acuity Lighting Group 401(k) Plan for Hourly Employees Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- (2) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-74246) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, Acuity Brands, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, Acuity Brands, Inc. 2001 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan);
- (3) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-123999) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 401(k) Plan;
- (4) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-126521) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated);
- (5) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-138384) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2005 Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan, Acuity Brands, Inc. Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended and restated);
- (6) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-152134) pertaining to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated);
- (7) Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-159326) of Acuity Brands, Inc. and in the related Prospectus; and
- (8) Registration Statement (Form S-4 No. 333-167882-02) of Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc., Acuity Brands, Inc. and ABL IP Holding LLC and in the related Prospectus;

of our reports dated October 28, 2011, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Acuity Brands, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Acuity Brands, Inc., included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Acuity Brands, Inc., for the year ended August 31, 2011.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
October 28, 2011